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## **RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.116**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action (hereinafter "the Action") mailed December 13, 2007, in the above-mentioned application.

This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period for reply of two-months, which expires February 13, 2008. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun deposit account 13-2855.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.